

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN JOE BALYEAT**, on January 21, 2003 at 3:29 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Joe Balyeat, Chairman (R)  
Rep. George Golie, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)  
Rep. Paul Clark (D)  
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)  
Rep. George Everett (R)  
Rep. Tom Facey (D)  
Rep. Daniel Fuchs (R)  
Rep. Steven Gallus (D)  
Rep. Carol Gibson (D)  
Rep. Gail Gutsche (D)  
Rep. Larry Jent (D)  
Rep. Bob Lake (R)  
Rep. Don Roberts (R)  
Rep. Allen Rome (R)  
Rep. Scott Sales (R)  
Rep. Jim Shockley (R)  
Rep. Pat Wagman (R)  
Rep. Sandy Weiss (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Michael Lange, Vice Chairman (R), Rep. Debbie Barrett (R).

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary  
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

**Please Note:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A videotaped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 227, 1/15/2003; HB 55,  
1/16/2003; HB 97, 1/15/2003

Executive Action: None.

**HEARING ON HB 97**

**Sponsor:** REP. JENT, HD 29, BOZEMAN

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

3:30 p.m. REP. JENT

**EXHIBIT**(fih12a01)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

**EXHIBIT**(fih12a02)

3:38 p.m. Chris Smith, Fish, Wildlife and Parks

**EXHIBIT**(fih12a03)

3:39 p.m. Richard Gensch, Montana Taxidermists Association

**EXHIBIT**(fih12a04)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

3:41 p.m. REP. JENT

3:41 p.m. Kevin Schaal, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

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3:42 p.m. REP. JENT

3:43 p.m. Kevin Schaal

3:43 p.m. REP. GOLIE

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3:45 p.m. REP. GOLIE

3:45 p.m. Kevin Schaal

3:46 p.m. REP. WAGMAN

3:46 p.m. Chris Smith

3:46 p.m. CHAIRMAN BALYEAT

3:47 p.m. Richard Gensch

3:48 p.m. CHAIRMAN BALYEAT

3:49 p.m. Chris Smith

3:50 p.m. REP. FUCHS

3:51 p.m. Kevin Schaal

Closing by Sponsor:

3:52 p.m. REP. JENT

HEARING ON HB 227

Sponsor: REP. D. BROWN, HD 83, HUNGRY HORSE

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

3:52 p.m. REP. D. BROWN

**EXHIBIT**(fih12a05)

**EXHIBIT**(fih12a06)

Proponents' Testimony:

**EXHIBIT**(fih12a07)

3:56 p.m. Bob Jordan, Wild River Adventures, Activities Unlimited

**EXHIBIT**(fih12a08)

4:03 p.m. Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association

**EXHIBIT**(fih12a09)

4:06 p.m. Michael Collins, Montana Ski Area Association, Big Mountain Resort

4:11 p.m. Pat Melby, Montana Skiers Association

4:12 p.m. Ken Hoovestol, Montana Snowmobile Association

4:13 p.m. Robin Cunningham, Fishing Outfitters Association of Montana (FOAM)

**EXHIBIT**(fih12a10)

4:15 p.m. Stuart Doggett, Montana Innkeepers Association

4:15 p.m. Bob Worthington, Montana Municipal Insurance Authority

4:17 p.m. Amy Sullivan, Montana Tourism Coalition

4:17 p.m. Reno Baldwin, Great Northern Resort

4:20 p.m. Nancy Schlepp, Montana Farm Bureau, Montana Stockgrowers

4:21 p.m. Chris Smith, Fish, Wildlife and Parks

**EXHIBIT**(fih12a11)

4:22 p.m. CHAIRMAN BALLYEAT

**EXHIBIT**(fih12a12)

Opponents' Testimony:

4:24 p.m. Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association

**EXHIBIT**(fih12a13)

**EXHIBIT**(fih12a14)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

4:40 p.m. REP. SHOCKLEY

4:40 p.m. Michael Collins

4:41 p.m. REP. GALLUS

4:41 p.m. Michael Collins

4:42 p.m. REP. GALLUS

4:43 p.m. Michael Collins

4:44 p.m. Al Smith

4:45 p.m. REP. GOLIE

4:45 p.m. Stuart Doggett

4:45 p.m. **REP. GOLIE**

4:46 p.m. **Stuart Doggett**

4:46 p.m. **REP. GOLIE**

4:47 p.m. **Robin Cunningham**

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4:48 p.m. **REP. GOLIE**

4:48 p.m. **Al Smith**

4:49 p.m. **REP. CLARK**

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4:57 p.m. **REP. JENT**

4:58 p.m. **Al Smith**

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4:59 p.m. **Al Smith**

5:00 p.m. **REP. SHOCKLEY**

5:00 p.m. **Bob Jordan**

5:01 p.m. **REP. SHOCKLEY**

5:01 p.m. **Reno Baldwin**

5:01 p.m. **REP. FACEY**

5:01 p.m. **REP. BROWN**

5:03 p.m. **REP. FACEY**

5:05 p.m. **Michael Collins**

5:07 p.m. **CHAIRMAN BALLYEAT**

5:09 p.m. **Bob Lane**

5:11 p.m. **CHAIRMAN BALLYEAT**

5:12 p.m. **Bob Lane**

5:12 p.m. **CHAIRMAN BALLYEAT**

5:13 p.m. **REP. BROWN**

**EXHIBIT**(fih12a15)

5:16 p.m. **CHAIRMAN BALLYEAT**

5:18 p.m. **Al Smith**

5:18 p.m. **REP. FACEY**

5:19 p.m. **REP. WAGMAN**

5:20 p.m. **Al Smith**

5:21 p.m. **REP. ROBERTS**

5:21 p.m. **Michael Collins**

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5:23 p.m. REP. COHENOUR

5:21 p.m. Bob Jordan

5:24 p.m. CHAIRMAN BALYEAT

**Closing by Sponsor:**

5:26 p.m. REP. D. BROWN

**HEARING ON HB 55**

**Sponsor:** REP. FACEY, HD 67, MISSOULA

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

5:28 p.m. REP. FACEY

**Proponents' Testimony:**

5:30 p.m. Chris Smith, Fish, Wildlife and Parks  
**EXHIBIT**(fih12a16)

5:35 p.m. Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

5:36 p.m. REP. BALYEAT

5:37 p.m. REP. FACEY

5:38 p.m. REP. BALYEAT

5:38 p.m. REP. FACEY

5:38 p.m. Chris Smith

**Closing by Sponsor:**

5:40 p.m. REP. FACEY

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:46 P.M.

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REP. JOE BALYEAT, Chairman

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KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** (fih12aad)